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Much Enthusiasm Among Democrats in Big Convention

Glynn Praises Wilson in Speech Ringing With "America First" Sentiment---No Fight Over Presidential Nomination

K. F. Murray in News and Courier.

St. Louis, Mo., June 14.—Enthusiasm distinguished the opening session of the Democratic national convention. In this respect, it differed distinctly from the Republican convention and resembled that of the Progressives. Temporary Chairman Martin H. Glynn, though his keynote speech was less epigrammatic than Senator Harding's corresponding deliverance to the Republicans, found his audience much more responsive and his oratory is being complimented in extravagant terms by the delegates almost without exception. The Harding speech was a finished product of its kind, but it lacked the snap and fire which Glynn got into his periods today. The Democratic delegates and alternates and many of the guests of the convention were supplied this morning with good-sized American flags, which they instinctively waved in unison at every climax in the orator's appeals to the "America first" sentiment, which is the coming Wilson campaign motto, printed on the official button designed by National Committeeman McLean of North Carolina. And, by the way, the convention unconsciously pinned on this morning by signing "America" first and then getting down to business.

Smaller Than Average.

This convention is smaller than the average, because of the practical certainty that there will be no fight over the presidential nomination and no very serious contest over anything else that is to come before the entire body. In some of the State delegations the attendance of alternates does not amount to 10 per cent. The St. Louis Coliseum, however, is by no means so large as the Chicago Coliseum, so that the difference in the size of the respective multitudes is not very noticeable. Both buildings were well filled on their opening sessions. There were a few seats vacant in the galleries at Chicago and a few more vacant in the galleries here today but the floor was crowded in each case and so was most of the space in the galleries and on the stands. The smaller dimensions of the St. Louis hall put an audience in closer touch with the speakers on the official platform. Glynn was almost able to shake hands with some of his responsive admirers in the front ranks of the throng of delegates facing him, and he displayed a remarkable knack of giving them what they seemed to want. Ready to stop a number of times in his review of historical precedents for the Wilson neutrality policy, where praise was the burden of his speech, the eloquent New Yorker yielded to the clamor as demands of the delegates and continued his analogies to the obvious satisfaction of the great assembly. In the demeanor to the delegates there was nothing to suggest any lack of confidence in the political outlook. They acted like men who rejoice over the prospect of victory, and by no means like men who are attending a funeral—which is the term which some of the Republican leaders have used in referring to the St. Louis gathering. A Republican onlooker consoled himself today by remarking, as he listened to the cheers which greeted every point made by Glynn, that he had seen the same high spirits manifested at the convention which nominated Judge Parker in 1904. "Yes, but Judge Parker was mighty far from being 'Woodrow Wilson,'" a Democrat retorted.

Senator Ollie M. James of Kentucky who will be permanent chairman of this convention, as he was of that in Baltimore in 1912, expressed the belief that Roosevelt may yet surprise the public by accepting the Bull Moose nomination. Few others share this view. They generally see

PALMETTO DELEGATION NAMES COMMITTEEMEN

W. P. Pollock Will Second the Nomination of Wilson for South Carolina.

K. F. Murray in News and Courier.

St. Louis, June 14.—At the caucus of the South Carolina delegation today to select delegation officers and representatives on the committee of the national convention the following were chosen:

Chairman of the delegation, Governor R. I. Manning; committee on resolutions, Senator E. D. Smith; committee on rules, Mayor T. T. Hyde of Charleston; committee on credentials, W. P. Pollock of Chesterfield; committee on organization, L. D. Jennings of Sumter; committee to notify presidential nominee, Bright Williamson of Darlington; committee to notify vice presidential nominee, John P. Thomas of Richland county; vice president of the convention for South Carolina, John G. Clinkscales of Spartanburg.

W. P. Pollock will second the nomination of Wilson for the Palmetto State. Senator Tillman did not come to the convention. Prof. Childs of Wofford college is here as his alternate. Dr. J. A. Rice is alternate for T. W. Davies of Aiken.

On account of urgent official business Governor Manning will leave here for Columbia tonight.

TOO MUCH TIME FOR CONVENTION

The Delegates Puzzled to Know How Four Days Will Be Spent.

K. F. Murray in News and Courier.

St. Louis, June 14.—How to keep the national convention going for the four days promised to St. Louis is the only problem that is giving much trouble to the Democratic leaders, but this problem is worrying them pretty seriously.

Among the devices which have been adopted to prolong the performances is that of having the nomination of President Wilson seconded by each State in a set speech.

Groans, not loud, but deep, have been heard in the hotel lobbies and wherever else the delegates gather since this plan, contemplating nearly half a hundred seconding orations became generally known.

"Can't make me listen to 'em," was the favorite statement fit for publication. There is absolutely nothing legitimate to keep the convention in session more than two days.

It is feared that many of the delegates will break away and go home anyhow before the long program is finished.

"I'm willing to pay the hotel for four days, whether I stay or not," said a delegate this evening to a group of approving colleagues, "but I am not willing to waste my time here for four days when two would be sufficient, or three at the outside. It is a farce to use us in this way, merely to give the city of St. Louis a run for its money."

First Cotton Bloom.

Mr. G. W. Kinard of Prosperity sends us the first cotton bloom of the season. He says it is from Jason Morris' field near Prosperity.

Rev. Babb to Preach at Kings Creek.

Rev. E. V. Babb is to preach at Kings Creek next Sabbath afternoon at 3:30. The public is most cordially invited to attend this service.

The signs of what the colonel will do in the successive announcements of his lieutenants, such as former Secretary of the Navy Meyer, that they will support Hughes.

WHITMIRE BOOSTERS TO VISIT NEWBERRY SATURDAY

Coming With Banners and Band to Tell You of the Great Things in Their Town.

The good people of Whitmire town are going to move down on Newberry and way stations on Saturday on a booster trip in the interest of the chautauqua which is to open there on June 30.

They will travel to the music of the Whitmire band, consisting of 25 pieces, and there will be about 50 automobiles with as many of the people of the town as the cars can bring.

The party will come via Clinton and give a band concert in that town at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

From Clinton they will journey to Goldville where at 3 o'clock there will be another band concert by the Whitmire band.

The next stop will be in Newberry county at Kinards at which place they will give a band concert at 4 o'clock.

The party will reach Newberry at 5 o'clock, or thereabout, and will spend the afternoon and evening with us here telling the people of the chautauqua and the good things to be had and seen at Whitmire town.

As already stated the chautauqua will open at Whitmire on June 30. That will be known as agricultural day. Col. E. J. Watson will make a speech and that of course will be free to all who attend. There are some very fine numbers on the program.

July 1, Saturday, will be educational day and the governor will make a speech. This is also campaign day at Newberry but arrangements will be made to get the governor to speak either in the morning or afternoon so as not to conflict with his appointment at Newberry on the same day. He will come to Whitmire from Laurens where the State candidates are on Friday. On Saturday the mill will be closed down and the annual barbecue given by Mr. William Coleman to the mill people on July 4 will be given this year on Saturday, July 1. This will insure a large crowd from the mill and from the surrounding country.

On Sunday union services will be held and the Rev. Dr. William Rader for twenty years a pastor in San Francisco will preach in the morning and in the evening.

Monday will be health day at the chautauqua and Dr. J. A. Hayne of the State board of health will speak in addition to the regular numbers on the chautauqua program.

Dr. D. W. Daniel who so pleased those who heard him here last year will be on the program and will be in charge of the chautauqua as platform manager and his addresses will be worth the price of the tickets if there should be nothing else.

Look out for the Whitmire boosters on Saturday of this week. They will tell you more about it than we can.

The King's Daughters.

Are going to have an entertainment for charity, on Boundary street school lawn including drills and refreshments.

Special features doll floats for girls up to ten years of age and bicycle and tricycle for boys up to ten years.

Ten cents admission for everybody including children taking part in parade. The Little Princess, and float on display in Dr. Mayes' window is to be given as prize for prettiest float and an Indian suit as prize for the boys.

Any child wishing to enter will notify Mrs. J. Y. McFall or Mrs. Jim Hunter.

Everybody is expected to come and help this cause. Time: June 29th.

"The Governor's Special"

Patrons of the Opera House who follow Helen Gibson's weekly adventures are apparently never surprised at any feat that daring girl performs. Today they will have an opportunity to see their favorite in thrilling exploits both on horseback, motorcycle, and on railroad trains, when "The Governor's Special" is shown at that house. In this episode of the popular "Hazards of Helen" the Kalem star uses her audacious courage to aid in exposing a crooked contractor. At the Opera House today.

THE NEWBERRY CITY PARK OPENED ON TUESDAY

Dr. Cromer Makes Good Speech—Says Schools of City Lack Parks—Should Have Two Parks.

Dr. Geo. B. Cromer made a fine talk, as he always does on occasions of this kind, at the opening of the city park on Tuesday evening. He spoke of the advantages of a park for the children, the boys and girls, of a town and city and the importance of getting the land before it is too valuable to be used for such purposes. Of the importance of letting boys be boys and girls be girls and not making little men and women of them before they are ready for that performance.

He said we should have two parks, one on the South fork of Scott's creek for the colored people and one on the north fork for the white children.

There were several hundred women and men and children at the opening and if there was need of argument for the building of a park it was in the presence of these children and the fun they were having, and not only the fun but the real benefit they will derive from it. Dr. Cromer said with all the good schools we had there was no place at any one of the buildings for a playground, a base ball ground or athletic field, and these were as necessary as any other part of the education of the child. He thought it should not be an eleemosynary institution which only meant that you would take up a collection to support it, but it should be a business proposition and with money to run it.

He said that one of the lecturers at the chautauqua had told us that we should have a park all the way along the creek from Glenn street on to the railroad. And we think we saw a similar statement in our local contemporary in speaking of the lecture of Dr. Albert. We did not have the pleasure of hearing Dr. Albert but it does seem strange that Dr. Albert should be given as authority for the statement and for originating and suggesting the idea when The Herald and News (and a correspondent of ours) for at least ten years did not print a paper without saying something along the same line, and one time we had an option on practically all the property mentioned, and we urged the business men of the town to take up the matter and buy the property while it may be obtained at a reasonable price. At one time we had enlisted the cooperation of one of the pastors of the colored Baptist church to let us have that lot also. That was just before the congregation made certain improvements to the building. We tried to interest Mr. Spearman and Mr. Wright and Mr. Kinard but they would not. We are delighted they are now taking hold (even if they have forgot) and they shall have our hearty cooperation and support, but we just can't help making an effort to keep the record straight. The Idler talked about a park in every letter it wrote for the paper and kept it up from the first letter to the last. And it may come again. Let's be willing to give the devil its due.

But the park is the thing, and we are pleased to see the interest that is being taken. And Dr. Cromer is right, the park should not be on leased land, but should be on land owned by the town, or a park association. And the sooner we buy it the better, and the less it will cost.

The Newberry Concert band furnished music for the opening, but there is need of a pavilion and some other improvements and they should be made on land owned by a park association or by the town.

The park's the thing. If every one would just do a little it could be made a real thing and improvements could be made that would soon transform the creek bottom into a thing of beauty.

Picnic Postponed.

Owing to the rains, the Sunday school of the First Baptist church has postponed their picnic till Friday, June 23.

W. O. Wilson, Secretary.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF "DUTCH" McLEAN

Quiet Investigation for a Month Has Failed to Locate Him—No Motive or Reason for His Disappearance.

Missing since May 14th, and with his friends hoping day by day that the mystery of his sudden disappearance would be solved, Professor Fred D. McLean, of the faculty of Newberry college, has not yet been heard from, and the mystery has become more mysterious. A quiet investigation of Prof. McLean's disappearance has been made since he left Newberry more than a month ago, with the hope that his whereabouts would be made known without the public prints being resorted to. Up to this time, however, all efforts to locate the missing man have failed, and the story of his disappearance has been given to the newspapers.

Mr. McLean left Newberry on Friday night, May 14th, on the Southern train for Columbia. He did not tell any of his friends of his intention, but left a list of accounts which he owed in this city, with the request that they be settled. He had a balance in one of the local banks and also left considerable earned salary with the college, these amounts being more than sufficient to settle all of his indebtedness here. He did not carry any extra clothing with him, but, on the other hand, left his room and contents as if he expected to return. It is understood that he told several of his friends a few days before he left that he was going to Columbia in a few days but would return on the following Monday. An investigation, which has been conducted in Columbia, failed to reveal anything in reference to the missing man.

Mr. McLean came to Newberry at the opening of the session in 1913, from Youngstown, Ohio, accompanying Coach Thomas, of Ohio. He graduated from Newberry college in June, 1915, and was then elected tutor in the institution. While pursuing his college course, McLean for several years was secretary to Dr. J. Henry Harms, president of the institution. He was well-liked in Newberry, being equally as popular in the city as upon the college campus.

While a student at Newberry college, McLean, who was familiarly known as "Dutch," headed the list of football and basketball stars in South Carolina collegiate circles, and was said to be one of the best football players in the South. While small of stature, he was one of the fastest men ever seen on a Carolina gridiron, and had numerous offers from other colleges in the State to join their squad. He was at one time assistant coach of the Newberry team. While in Newberry, he became affiliated with St. Luke's Episcopal church.

As stated, McLean came to Newberry from Youngstown, Ohio. He is a graduate of the Youngstown high school and after his graduation he attended Brown university, Providence, R. I., for one year.

McLean is about five feet four inches in height, and is apparently about thirty years of age. Although small, he has a very athletic build, and weighs about 150 pounds. He is a very nice looking young man, dresses well and is very quiet and reserved in manner. His conversational tone is very low, and he is a man of few words.

At the time of his disappearance, McLean was treasurer of the Athletic association of Newberry college. All of his accounts are in first-class condition.

The young man's family in Youngstown, Ohio, are making a diligent search for him, not having heard anything from him since he mysteriously disappeared more than a month ago. Nothing is known of his whereabouts from this end of the line since he was seen on the train bound for Columbia on the night of May 14th.

While the condition of the young man's room and his affairs in general would indicate that he expected to return to Newberry a few days after he left for Columbia, the fact that he left a list of his accounts to be paid would

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS FROM POMARIA TOWN

Mr. Bradus Long of Darlington is visiting friends here.

Mr. J. W. Stone of Vaucluse, S. C., and Mr. G. H. Stone of Thomas, Ga. spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives in the community, making the trip in their Ford.

Mr. Clyde Watson of Greenwood is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. A. Duckworth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cromer of Newberry, R. F. D. spent the week-end with Mr. Wilbur J. Ringer.

Mr. Lupo after a pleasant visit to the family of Mr. T. A. Epling, has returned to his home in Columbia.

Mrs. Joe Smith of Newberry spent the first part of the week with the family of Dr. E. O. Hentz.

The latest news from Columbia is that little Richard Hipp, who was so seriously injured here last Friday by the motorcycle and bicycle wreck is very much improved to the delight of the entire community. Mr. Geo. Amick who was also painfully but not seriously hurt is able to be out, but still has a very bad bruised face.

Miss Gertrude Young has gone to Clinton where she will spend a few weeks visiting friends.

Lead one to believe that he did not intend to return.

The disappearance of Mr. McLean has created quite a stir not only in Newberry, where he was well liked, but throughout South Carolina collegiate athletic circles, and it is hoped that the apprehension of his many friends will soon be relieved by some word from him in explanation of what now appears to be much of a mystery.

During the vacation last year Mr. McLean acted as local reporter for the Observer and in that way became the better acquainted with the people of the city. And made many friends among them.

The following appeared in the Augusta Chronicle of June 13:

There was another effort to identify "Mr. Blank" yesterday. "Mr. Blank," as is known, is the young man who is here and who does not know who he is.

Several weeks ago Prof. Fred McLean disappeared from Newberry college at Newberry, S. C. He was of the faculty there, his name being in Youngstown, Ohio. Up to this time there has been no publication of the facts of his disappearance. He was most popular in Newberry, in and out of college circles. He was prominent in college sports, was nicknamed "Dutch" on the campus, and at one time was the college coach.

Nothing has been heard from him by his people in Ohio. Leaving Newberry, he left a bank deposit of \$30, and an earned salary of \$200. Most diligent inquiry has failed to disclose any reason that would have caused his peculiar departure from Carolina. His friends have made quiet inquiries without success, and are now appealing to the public prints in the hope of securing news of him. He is about 25 years of age and quite a handsome young man.

The other night Mr. B. A. Watts, who travels Carolina for a Detroit house, was a guest at the home of Prof. C. F. Wertz, of the Newberry college faculty. Learning of the case of Professor McLean and being shown his photograph, Mr. Watts inferred that he and "Mr. Blank" might be the same man. Mr. Watts had kept up with the "Mr. Blank" case through The Chronicle, and had a picture of that young man. Armed with a portrait of Professor McLean, Mr. Watts came to August yesterday and conferred with "Mr. Blank." He quickly became convinced, however, that the professor and the man in Augusta are different people. As a matter of fact, "Mr. Blank" was at the University hospital long before Professor McLean left Newberry.

It may be of interest to know that "Mr. Blank" and Mr. W. E. Trowbridge leave Thursday for Bangor, Me. "Mr. Blank" has made the statement that, put in Bangor and given an automobile he will be able to drive to his home town in forty-eight hours. He is convinced that his home is in Bangor, or in the vicinity of that city.